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1. Units of 1 Division of the Ethiopian Army are disarming Galla tribesmen along the Addis Ababa - Asmara highway. There have been recent bandit attacks on trucks and convoys in this area. Movements of troops involved in this action have extended from Dessie to Ficcbe and the area south of Lake Tana.* The recent rise in bandit activity may result from chronic dissatisfaction with the Ethiopian Government in Addis Ababa on the part of the Tigre and Wolloo peoples, according to informant.
2. A brigade of 2 Division is active in the Gota-Erer region, west of Diredaa, suppressing intertribal fighting between the Ausa and Dankali peoples. There was some action in the period between 10 and 25 April 1949, but there were few casualties on either side. Informant states that this trouble has no political significance, but that it is the usual seasonal raiding between the Ausa and Dankali tribes.

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* [REDACTED] Comment. These may be the same troop movements referred to in [REDACTED]

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